

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Reasons for Allowance

1. Regarding claim 1, Voloshin (US 20050018704) teaches a multiport repeater for fast Ethernet (fig. 2 box 210, Fast Ethernet, 100 Megabits per second, supporting two 16 port input/output, [0041]) with an inter-repeater backplane interface (fig. 2: see connection between repeaters 210 and 220).

Voloshin teaches the inter-repeater backplane interface comprises an inter-repeater data bus (fig. 2, cable 206 capable of carrying data at least 100 Mb/s, [0041]).

Voloshin teaches the inter-repeater backplane interface comprises an inter-repeater control bus (fig. 2, Fast Ethernet maintains 10BaseT error control functions, [0008]).

Voloshin teaches the inter-repeater backplane interface comprises a collision detection control signal (signal indicating the collision must travel through stacks 204 and 202, [0044]).

Voloshin teaches repeater stacks (fig. 2, repeater stacks 202 and 204, [0041]).

However, none of the prior art of reference teaches or fairly suggests a backplane request bus wherein the backplane request bus includes a request output signal and at least one request input signal for implementing a stack backplane wherein

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the request input signal detects in parallel whether any repeater stack unit makes a request.

Conclusion

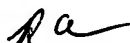
2. Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments of Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Abelson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3165. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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